## What Is Claimed Is:

A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:
 a substantially non-rectangular housing having a substantially hollow interior;
 a door having a display panel; and
 a hinge operatively attacking the door to the housing.



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2. A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:
a substantially non-rectangular housing having a substantially hollow interior;
a door having a display panel; and
means for operably attaching the door to the housing so that the door may be opened and closed.

3. A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:
a substantially non-rectangular housing having a substantially hollow interior;
a door having a display panel; and
means for rotably attaching the door to the housing

4. The top box as recited in claim 1 further comprising a liquid-resistant seal positioned so that it prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.

5. The top box as recited in claim 1 further comprising means for preventing water from passing between the frame and the housing.

- 6. The top box as recited in claim 1, wherein the door further comprises a lip at least partially circumscribing the door so that the lip prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.
- 7. The top box as recited in claim 1, wherein the top box is secure so that unauthorized personnel cannot access the interior.
  - 8. The top box as recited in Claim 7, wherein the top box is secured with a lock
  - 9. A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising:
  - a housing having a substantially hollow interior;
  - a door having a display panel and
  - a hinge operatively attaching the door to the housing.
  - 10. A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising:
  - a housing having a substantially hollow interior;
  - a door having a display panel; and

means for operably attaching the door to the housing so that the door may be opened

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  - 11. A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising:
  - a housing having a substantially hollow interior;
  - a door having a display panel; and



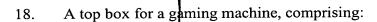


means for rotably attaching the door to the housing.

The top box as recited in claim 9 further comprising a liquid-resistant seal positioned so that it prevents water from passing between the door and the housing

- 13. The top box as recited in claim 9 further comprising means for preventing liquid from passing between the frame and the housing.
- 14. The top box as recited in claim 9, wherein the door further comprises a lip at least partially circumscribing the door so that the lip prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.
- 15. The top box as recited in claim 9, wherein the top box is secure so that unauthorized personnel cannot access the interior.
  - 16. The top box as recited in Claim 15, wherein the top box is secured with a lock.
  - 17. A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:
  - a housing having a substantially hollow interior and a side portion;
  - a door having a display panel; and
  - a hinge operatively attaching the door to the side portion of the housing.





a housing having a substantially hollow interior and a side portion;

a door having a display panel; and

means for operably attaching the door to the side portion of the housing so that the door may be opened and closed.

19. A top box for a gaining machine, comprising:

a housing having a substantially hollow interior and a side portion;

a door having a display panel; and

means for rotably attaching the door to the side portion of the housing.

20. The top box as recited in claim 17 further comprising a liquid-resistant seal positioned so that it prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.

- 21. The top box as recited in claim 17 further comprising means for preventing liquid from passing between the frame and the housing.
- 22. The top box as recited in claim 17, wherein the door further comprises a lip at least partially circumscribing the door so that the lip prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.
- 23. The top box as recited in claim 17, wherein the top box is secure so that unauthorized personnel cannot access the interior.

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- 24. The top box as recited in Claim 23, wherein the top box is secured with a lock.
- 25. A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:
- a housing having a substantially hollow interior and a bottom portion;
- a door having a display panel; and
- a hinge operatively attaching the door to the bottom portion of the housing.
- 26. A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:
- a housing having a substantially hollow interior and a bottom portion;
- a door having a display panel; and

means for operably attaching the door to the bottom portion of the housing so that the door may be opened and closed.

27. A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:

a substantially non-rectangular housing having a substantially hollow interior;

a door having a display panel; and

means for rotably attaching the door to the housing.

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28. The top box as recited in claim 25 further comprising a liquid-resistant seal positioned so that it prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.

- The top box as recited in claim 25 further comprising means for preventing liquid from passing between the frame and the housing.
- 30. A top box as recited in claim 25, wherein the door further comprises a lip at least partially circumscribing the door so that the lip prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.
- 31. The top box as recited in claim 25, wherein the top box is secure so that unauthorized personnel cannot access the interior.
  - 32. The top box as recited in Claim 31, wherein the top box is secured with a lock.
  - 33. A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising:
    a substantially non-rectangular housing having a substantially hollow interior;
    a door having a display panel; and
    a hinge operatively attaching the door to the housing.
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- 34. A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising:
- a housing having a substantially hollow interior and a side portion;
- a door having a display panel; and
- a hinge operatively attaching the door to the side portion of the housing.



- 35. A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising:
- a housing having a substantially hollow interior and a bottom portion;
- a door having a display panel; and
- a hinge operatively attaching the door to the bottom portion of the housing.